

Umno Protects And Supports Perkasa, Says Guan Eng
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KUALA LUMPUR - Lim Guan Eng today said that UMNO's refusal to act against Perkasa and Ibrahim Ali's incendiary crusade against Christians by reason that Perkasa does not represent all Malays confirms UMNO's protection and support for Perkasa.

"This is a weak excuse by UMNO because if action is only taken based on the strength of your representation and not the nature and ill-intent of your violence, why then act against terrorists because they also do not represent all the Malays?" he said in his statement.

Lim said that the justification given by Home Minister Hishamuddin Tun Hussein shows that Perkasa is UMNO's alter-ego. He said that when Ibrahim Ali launched his crusade against Christians in Gombak organised by the Komuniti 1Malaysia group of Kampung Kerdas and Kampung Changkat in Gombak, Umno Gombak chief Abdul Rahman Kamaruddin, his deputy, Abdul Aziz Jantan, and division information chief Ismail Ahman were also present to lend their support.

"Ibrahim Ali had justified his crusade on the false accusations by Utusan Malaysia that the Christians "challenged the sovereignty and dignity of Malays and Muslims." by wanting to form a Christian state and appointing a Christian Prime Minister. The failure of the Home Ministry to act sternly against Utusan for printing this dangerous lie has only emboldened extremists like Ibrahim Ali who now wants to launch a holy war or crusade against Christians." he added.

Lim said that the dangerous lie by Utusan Malaysia had given a golden opportunity to extremists like Ibrahim Ali to make Christians the object of hate and incite enmity amongst Malaysians.

"Hishamuddin even went one step further in defending Perkasa and Ibrahim Ali by refusing to brand Ibrahim Ali an extremist for calling for a crusade against Christians! Just imagine if any Christian had called for a crusade against Muslims, he or she would have been arrested immediately." Lim continued.

The DAP Secretary-General also took Gerakan and MCA to task and said that it was pointless for them to make press statements only in the non-Malay media asking for action against Ibrahim Ali when the parties know fully well that no action will be taken.

"DAP calls on all peace-loving Malaysian regardless of race and religion to unite against such extremists who dare to use the language of violence because of inaction or even tacit support by the BN government. All of us should pray regardless of our faith that truth will prevail and peace maintained in our beloved country." he said.